

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 26, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on July 26, 2004 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:10 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos  
Vice President Lesser  
Commissioner Creary  
Commissioner Gravely  
Commissioner Morgan

Introduction of the audience followed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Davalos' report is summarized as follows:

- She attended a Casa Del Pueblo event featuring speakers on anti-war, student activism, workers' rights. At the event she also viewed art exhibits by local artists.
- She also went to a Planned Parenthood event, "Sex, Politics and Cocktails."
- She also participated in a meeting regarding problems that are arising from SB899 and ACOEM guidelines that affect employees using workers' compensation insurance.
- She will send information to Commissioners regarding a South Coast Air Quality Management District workshop concerning environmental justice and legislation proposed to help reduce emissions that affect many Southern California communities.
- She wished Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office, a happy birthday.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported the following:

- On Sept. 18, 2004 at 1 p.m. the Congress of Racial Equality of California will hold the Celes King III Memorial Celebration at Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd.
- The Board of Supervisors meetings for July 27, 2004 and August 31, 2004 are cancelled due to the Supervisors' participation in their respective conventions.

## **REPORT ON NACW AND ACCW CONVENTIONS**

President Davalos, Vice President Lesser and Commissioners Creary and Gravely reported on the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual NACW Convention and the Annual ACCW Convention on July 14-18, 2004 at the Westin in Pasadena. They commented on the event organization, registration, venue and voting procedures for election of NACW officers. Treasurer Lesser reported on an informative workshop on care giving for elderly family members with Alzheimer's Disease. President Davalos reported on the legislative issues endorsed at the NACW Convention.

(Commissioner Rodriguez joined the meeting.)

Commissioner Creary, who had run for the at-large director's office representing California, commented on the fact that California had only one delegate to the NACW. She further spoke on proposing a bylaw change to the NACW to provide adequate representation for the Southern California area for the at-large offices.

After Commissioner Creary presented a sample voting information card produced by another women's commission, Commissioners agreed to place on a future agenda for consideration of printing informational cards on women's voting strength. Staff will review the idea with County Counsel.

## **ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEE TO PLAN ANNUAL COMMISSION RETREAT**

President Davalos appointed the following Commissioners from each Supervisorial District to serve on the Annual Commission Retreat Subcommittee:

First District	Commissioner Rodriguez
Second District	Commissioner Becerra-Jones
Third District	Commissioner Perkins
Fourth District	Commissioner Mummey
Fifth District	Commissioner Gravely

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Health Committee**

Commissioner Creary requested staff to invite Health Services Director Fred Leaf to speak on the King/Drew Medical Center. She also spoke on arranging for the Health Committee to meet with Public Health Director Jonathan Fielding or his representative to discuss the Office of Women's Health. She further announced the Women's Health Conference on October 23, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Culver City and requested staff to mail out the conference announcements to those on the Commission's agenda mailing list.

Vice President Lesser reported on the Office of Women Health's recent conference on heart disease for women. She also noted that 40% of residents in the County get less than 10 minutes of exercise a week.

### **Domestic Violence Committee**

Commissioner Rodriguez announced the next committee meeting on August 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830.

**Legislative Committee:** There was no report.

### **Media/Public Relations Committee:**

Commissioner Morgan reported that the second press release for the 5k Run/Walk would be mailed out today. The third and final press release would be mailed on August 23, 2004.

The Commission placed on the next meeting agenda approval of \$25 for the booth fee for the Commission on Aging's Sixth Annual Health Fair and Senior Festival on October 7, 2004 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

President Davalos, Vice President Lesser and Commissioners Morgan and Rodriguez expressed interest in attending a special international exchange meeting with Dr. Zita Hurtai, Member of the Hungarian Parliament on August 18, 2004.

**Older Women's Issues Committee:** There was no report.

**5K Run/Walk Subcommittee:** The next subcommittee meeting will be August 9, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 830.

### **APPROVE THE TENTATIVE WORKSHOP PROGRAM AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES UP TO \$500 FOR SCHOLARSHIP EDUCATION WORKSHOP**

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on scheduled speakers and workshop topics.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting).

Commissioner Becerra-Jones further reported on the proposed program and budget for the Scholarship Education Workshop on August 9, 2004 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Room 140, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

Commissioners discussed assisting the scholarship recipients in college placement and evaluating the scholarship program.

President Davalos asked staff to report on how many of the scholarship recipients have claimed their scholarship funds.

Reverent Lorna Cross spoke on scholarship and mentorship programs for young women.

Since the Commission couldn't take action to approve the workshop expenses due to the lack of a quorum, President Davalos agreed to use the President's Fund to temporarily pay for these expenses if they are incurred prior to the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bonnie Whitaker commented on the Governor's recent remark about "girlie men."

Reverent Lorna Cross expressed interest in working with the Commission on health and international issues. She also announced that the Board of Supervisors will present a scroll to Reverend Cecil L. Murray of First AME Church on Tuesday, September 14, 2004.

Genevieve Clavreul reported on nursing and other issues related to the King/Drew Medical Center.

(Commissioner Creary was excused from the meeting).

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that she attended a tribute to former Woman of the Year Awardee Antonia Hernandez.

Staff reported that Commissioner Creary attended the following:

- The NACW Convention on July 15-16.
- On July 8, 2004 she attended the U.N.C.F. Reception for new C.E.O. Dr. Michael Lomas at the home of Dr. LaDoris McClaney, Commissioner for Children and Families.
- On July 20, 2004 she attended a South L.A. Redevelopment Luncheon meeting with Imperial Partners and other community representatives from the California Community Foundation, a Cities Alive consultant from Dallas, Texas, and a representative from the Marcus family.

### **MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Rodriguez requested that the Commission place on the next meeting agenda sponsoring the Center for the Pacific Asian Family's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, "Nurturing Change Together: Building Community Strength" on Thursday, September 23, 2004 in Downtown, Los Angeles.

Commissioner Rodriguez also spoke on an incident reported from the California Alliance Against Domestic Violence in which a clothing store started selling shirts which say: "You Can Beat Me, You Can Abuse Me, But Don't Touch My Hair Or I'll Kill You." She also provided contact information for members of the public to register a complaint. Commissioner Rodriguez further reported on a lawsuit alleging a Glendale billiard hall had violated the civil rights of men by holding a "ladies night" promotion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Karin Davalos, President  
Charlotte Lesser, Vice President  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D  
Wadie Gravely  
Lila Morgan  
Olivia Rodriguez

**EXCUSED**

Reiko Duba, Treasurer  
Roslyn Cooperman  
Ruth Jernigan  
Bonnie J. Lewis  
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Esq.  
Janet E. Mummey, Esq.  
Barbara Perkins

**UNEXCUSED**

Sophia Esparza

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Jim Corbett, Twila Kerr, Steve Erickson,  
and Audra Galang  
Angel Triola, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

**GUESTS**

Genevieve Clavreul  
Reverent Lorna Cross, First AME Church  
Bonnie Jean Whitaker